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DEPORTATIONS AND FLIGHTS FROM IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES

According to the reports of refugees from Rumania, the government of that country has started deporting masses of people from Bucharest. One thousand people are to be deported every weak until 200,000 have been evacuated. The deporters are allowed 36 hours within which to leave and may carry only 30 kilograms of personal effects with them. They are being settled in the southeastern section of the country where the housing facilities are very pour.

Shortage of housing for workers is the reason given for this shift of the population. However, it is believed that the main purpose is the elimination of the middle classes.

Since 1948, 40,000-50,000 Czechoslovaks have escaped from their country by automobiles, bicycles, freightcars, or planes, but in the majority of cases on foot. Thousands of people were not successful in fleeing and have been killed. To prevent the escape of their subjects, the governments of the Iron Curtain countries are taking drastic steps. For example, recently the pilots of all the planes operated by the Satellite countries have been replaced by Russians. Likewise, the majority of the personnel at the air bases, such as mechanics and engineers, have been replaced by Russians.

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